

RESOLUTION NO. 13-062

**PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY
IN THE AREAS OF CHANNEL ISLANDS HARBOR AND THE
SHORELINE OF CITY OF PORT HUENEME**

WHEREAS, a deep-water harbor was constructed at Port of Hueneme in approximately 1939, interrupting the normal drift of sand to down-coast beaches south of Port Hueneme Harbor and resulting in erosion and flooding at beaches owned by the City of Port Hueneme and Point Mugu Air Station; and

WHEREAS, a small craft harbor at Channel Islands Harbor was authorized by Congress in 1954 and constructed by approximately 1960 just north of the Port Hueneme Harbor, including the construction of a sand trap designed to hold about one million cubic yards of sand to be moved biennially as a source for sand replenishment to the beaches south of the Channel Islands Harbor entrance and immediately south of the Port of Hueneme, including the City of Port Hueneme beaches; and

WHEREAS, based on this Congressional direction and authorization, the United States Army Corps of Engineers developed a plan calling for the biennial dredging and pumping of 1 million or more cubic yards of sand from the Channel Islands Harbor sand trap to down-coast beaches, which plan has been successfully executed for nearly fifty years; and

WHEREAS, for fiscal and other reasons the United States Army Corps of Engineers has dredged and pumped significantly less than 1 million cubic yards of sand in the last two biennial cycles; and

WHEREAS, the buildup of sand has created shoals east of the breakwater at the mouth of Channel Islands Harbor resulting in depths of 11 feet or less across most of this heavily used entrance to Channel Islands Harbor, leaving only a narrow passage where depths are sufficient for commercial and recreational vessels entering the Harbor to operate safely; and

WHEREAS, the failure to dredge and pump sand in accordance with the biennial shoreline protection plan has caused dangerous navigation conditions at Channel Islands Harbor and serious and damaging erosion of the beaches down-coast from Channel Islands Harbor and the Port of Hueneme, creating dangerous conditions for users of the shoreline and jeopardizing the structural integrity of Surfside Drive located in the City of Port Hueneme; and

WHEREAS, Surfside Drive in the City of Port Hueneme provides access to a designated evacuation route in the event of a tsunami or other emergency incident;

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEREBY DECLARES,
PROCLAIMS AND ORDERS THAT:**

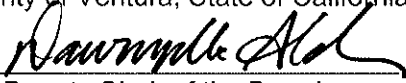
1. The Board of Supervisors finds that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property now exist within Ventura County, in the areas of Channel Islands Harbor and the shoreline of the City of Port Hueneme, due to the buildup of sand at the entrance of Channel Islands Harbor and the erosion of beaches down-coast of the Harbor.
2. The Board of Supervisors finds that the conditions of extreme peril are beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the County of Ventura and require the combined resources of other political subdivisions to combat.
3. Pursuant to Government Code section 8630, the Board of Supervisors declares and proclaims that a local emergency now exists within the County of Ventura in the areas of Channel Islands Harbor and the shoreline of the City of Port Hueneme.
4. The Board of Supervisors proclaims and orders that until the local emergency is terminated, the powers, functions, and duties of the Ventura County Executive Officer and the emergency organization of the County of Ventura shall be those prescribed by State law, and the ordinances, resolutions, and approved emergency service plans of the County of Ventura.
5. The Board of Supervisors orders that the County, through its County Executive Officer and emergency organizations of the County, exert maximum efforts to urge the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to locate funding to fund an interim dredging cycle in fiscal year 2013-14 to ameliorate the navigation issues in the Harbor and prevent further damage to infrastructure and property in the City of Port Hueneme.
6. The Board of Supervisors authorizes and orders the County Executive Officer to send a copy of this Proclamation to the Governor of the State of California with a request that he proclaim the County of Ventura to be in a state of emergency.
7. This proclamation of local emergency shall be reviewed by the Board of Supervisors at least every 30 days until terminated to determine the need for continuing the local emergency; and termination of the local emergency shall be proclaimed by the Board at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant.

On motion by Supervisor Long, seconded by Supervisor Zaragoza, the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted this 10th day of June, 2013.


PETER FOY, CHAIR
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:

Michael Powers,
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors,
County of Ventura, State of California

By: 
Deputy Clerk of the Board

